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REVISION OF TEXTILE POLICY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to revise the existing textile policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore;

(d) whether the Government has assessed employment potential in textile sector;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government is aware that as a result of restrictions imposed in the textile handloom and powerloom sectors, by potential not adequately used resulting economic crisis; and

(g) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken to resolve the crisis thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (c) No Sir. The Govt. had announced a National Textile Policy in November 2000 for the development of a strong and vibrant textile industry, capable of producing cloth of good quality at acceptable prices, as well as competing with confidence with other textile producing countries increasing India`s share in the global market. The national policy is evolved after a great deal of deliberations from various sections of the Textile Industry and it takes some time to get the results.

(d) & (e) The Working Group on Textiles and Jute Industry for the Tenth Plan has estimated the employment potential of the Textile Industries as 40.50 million at the end of 10th Plan. This inter-alia includes employment potential of 1 million in cotton/man-made fibre in the organised(mill) textile sector, 12.40 million in the handloom sector, 6.77 million in the handicraft sector, 6.03 million in sericulture, 0.50 million in the jute industry, 6.80 million in the ready-made garment sector and 4.25 million in the powerloom sector.

(f) & (g) The Government has not imposed any restriction in textile, handloom and powerloom sectors.